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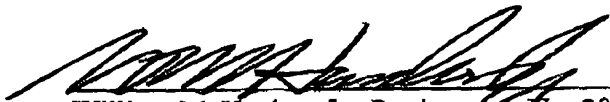
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The Office Action dated October 30, 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A device for detecting particles on a windshield a motor vehicle with a radiation source which emits optical rays onto the windshield with a photodetector which receives a portion of the rays emitted onto the windshield, and with a single control unit, which manages the radiation source and analyzes the rays received by the photodetector characterized in that the radiation source is positioned outside the field of vision of a driver of the vehicle and is aligned in such a way that the light rays from the radiation source strike the windshield in the area of the field of vision, and that the photodetector is pointed at the area of the windshield which the optical rays from the radiation source strike.

18. (Amended) The device of claim 2 wherein the light emitting diode is positioned such that the optical rays strike the windshield at a similar angle with respect to a driver's line of sight.